THE JEWEL CASE.

"I shall not be gone more than a week, Meta," said Mrs. Darkdale, "and of course I feel that I can leave everything in your charge, without the least anxiety."

"Of course you may, Mrs. Darkedale, and Meta, a flush of gratified pride mantling her cheek.

"One favor, however, I must ask," added Mrs. Darkedale, "and that is, that you will not receive any company during my will not receive any company during my

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It was true. The little bunch had some how caught on the long fringe of the scarf and got jerked out of the old lady's pocket. and she had gone off without them.

Meta was still looking at them, and modering to herself Mrs. Darkedale's consternation at discovering their loss, when there came a soft tap at the door, and Miss Endora Fenley rustled in, bringing with her a general impression of sparkling beauties and fluttering ribibons, and a decided odor of patchouli.

"Eudoral" exclaimed the girl.

"How you did start!" said Eudora with an affected little giggle. "No, I didn't ring. Hannah was cleaning the doorsteps, and I just slipped in and came straight up here, as I didn't find you in the parlor. What is that you have in the parlor in the parlor. What is that you have in the parlor in the pa

steps, and I just slipped in and came straight up here, as I didn't find you in the parlor. What is that you have in your hand? Keys?"

"Yes," said Meta; "Mrs. Darkedale's keys. She has gone off and forgotten them. See—here's the key of the china closet, and this big one locks the silver beauffet, and here's the wardrobe key, and the little one with the gilded top belongs to the jewel-box."

"The jewel-box." said Eudora, with sparkling eyes. "Oh, Meta, that will be the very thing! I am going to a ball tomorrow night, and I've a pink satin dress and wreath, a set of imitation jewels. Oh, if I could only wear real ones, just this once. Only for one evening, and Mrs. Darkedale would never know it. I've always heard that her's are such beauties!"

Meta drew a long breath of relief, Meta drew a long breath of her booty, respect of the convex.

"Why, yes," said Mrs. Darkedale; "on the casket," she uttered, sadly.

"Why, yes," said Mrs. Darkedale; "on the relief, Meta drew a long breath of her booty, relief to metal specific or other information. Chebovas of the too.

"But I was just as much to blame as if they had been in the casket," she uttered, sadly.

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Meta turned pale and red.
"Oh, Eudora, I dare not."
"What would be the harm?" boldly de

Eudora held out both hands, pleading-

"Only for one night, Meta," she urged.
"Til be personally responsible. Dear
Meta, please."
Meta Gray hesitated in an agony of

the Darkedales, and after she had taken a reluctant leave our poor little heroine found herself with abundant leisure to reflect over what she had done.

"Oh, how wrong it was of me!" she thought, with remorse and anguish. "But she will bring them back again tomorrow, and then I will never, never let them go out of my hands again."

Meanwhile, Miss Eudora Fenley, speeding homeward, like an arrowout of the bow, found herself checked at a street corner by the gentleman who gave guitar lessons and wore his hair curling down on his neck.

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"Well," said he, in a low, imperious
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wisely."

Cure for Whooping Cough.

"What would be the harm?" boldly demanded the milliner and dressmaker. "No one would be injured, and I should be se pread. Mrs. Darkedale never wears the stenes—a regular old miser, she is. And you're always told me, Meta," with a sentimental accent, "that you loved me."

"So I do," faltered poor Meta.

"And you wen't grant me this one favor—so trifling he one, too? Oh, Meta what wouldn't Ido for you?"

Slowly Meta unlocked the jewel case; a square box of inlaid wood, which occupied one of the shelves of Mrs. Darkedale's wardrobe.

"There can be no harm in looking at them, at all events," thought she.

Mrs. Darkedale kept her costly and mrs. Darkedale would die. I sent this receipt conset, treasure this receipt. Crusha tea-cupful of sunflower seeds; put them in a quart of water; simmer it down to a pint (keeping it closely covered), then

apied one of the shelves of any dale's wardrobe.

"There can be no harm in looking at them, at all events," thought she.

Mrs. Darkedale kept her costly and antique set of jewelry in a ruby velvet case worn and tarnished by age, in one corner, and Meta had but just taken up this case when old Hannah knocked at the door.

Miss," said she, "there's hours until it affords relief, afterward not so often.

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perplexity.

Hannah knocked again.

"She is in a hurry, Miss," said Hannah.

"There, take them," cried Meta, pushing the case into Eudora's hand, "and oh, be careful of them! I oughtn't to let you have them. I know I ought not, but—yes, yes, Hannah, I am coming."

And, relocking the the jewel box and wardrobe, she dropped the keys into her pocket and hastened down stairs, followed by the exultant Eudora Fenley.

The lady whose haste was so immediate proved to be only a poor friend of the Darkedales, and after she had takena reluctant leave our poor little heroine found herself with abundant leisure to be cheerfully thrown open in summer and make the homestead delightful with all those little arts that parents so well understand. Do not repress the buoyant spirits of your children. Half an hour of merriment within doors, and merri-ment of a home, blots out the rememberance of many a care and annoyance during the day; and the best safeguard that they can take with them into the world is the unseen influence of a bright little home sanctum.—Donahoe's Magazine.

"Well," said he, in a low, imperious voice, "have you got it?"

"I have got no money."
A smotherd execration burst from between his lips.

"Hush," said Eudora, impatiently. "Do hear me out. I said I had no money; cempany.

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neither have I. But I've got something better than that, Mrs Darkedales jewels."

She opened a fold of her dress just wide enough for him to perceive, in the depths of her pocket, the tarnished red yelvet case.

His face brightened.

"Good," he said briefly; "you're clever. But don't go home. Our little plans are discovered; the police are on the scent. I've got all the valuables, such as they are, and, with your windfall, we can go where we please."

After this little insight into the private life and conversation of Mr. Oswald Fenley and his accomplished sister, our readers my readily conjecture that Miss Eudora did not return the next morning with Mrs. Darkedale's jewel case in her hand.

Meta waited until toward night, making all allowance for Eudora Fenley's

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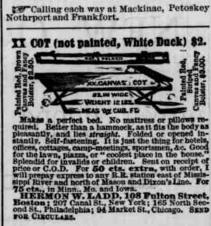
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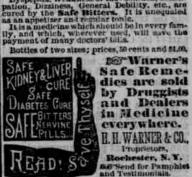
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